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TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! MAY I address the Democratic Presidential minee through your columns?

To Candidate Woodrose Wilson: and my vote on your record in office. licly question you upon that record. I ow I may do this for you stand not

date Hughes is being constantly ques- your party. ioned upon his official acts by your partisans in the press and in his meetprompt, direct and courteous replies.

now me, nor does Mr. Hughes know those who question him. He does not behind this excuse, but steps boldly out in the light like a man and answers. Will you not do the same? shall not be so discourteous as to pledges. ply ask you some questions which are says; ermost and stirring in the minds of a vast number of your countrymen at this time. You have not yet paign. answered them directly.

to know is this: "How can we tell evident, when you mean what you say?" You claim to be bitterly opposed to

"sectionalism" in governmental affairs so clearly shows. and have denounced the orator who mentioned it. And yet you and your

Sectionalism is not an issue in the tion? It has only been mentioned North. We are not worrying about it. But let us glance at a few Is it not true that all the great con-

trolling committees of Congress are commanded by chairmen from the solid South? Have these gentlemen not domi-

nated all important legislation since you entered office?

the taxes and the North is paying Is it not true that the solid South. income tax, has spent the public money lavishiv? Twenty millions for a fertilizer plant in Alabama, eleven millions for an armor plate factory fifty mill-

iens to compete with private ship owners, eighty-five millions for roads, many millions for rivers and harbors and public buildings not needed? Pork, pork, everywhere!

Who cannot afford to spend when

they do not have to pay? The States the income tax, the solid South but a it. Is this not so?

South give the President in his recent call for troops for the Mexican borexpense of maintaining their militia. The South is brave effough and ab-

solutely loyal, but we are dealing with the negative on this proposition. certain facts. Are you right, Mr. Candidate, in denouncing the orator who merely mentioned sectionalism, and also right in organizing it and maintaining it in our

national affairs? How are we going to tell when you really mean what you say? Four years ago your party planted

this plank you appealed for votes. Why have you repudiated this personal and party obligation? Is that

your idea of honorable action? Why are you running again? You have this silence?

what you say? Why did you reverse yourself on Bryan?

You knew he was unfitted for high highest office at your command. Why did you do this? Was it not of war.

to pay for favors past and to come? Did you not place personal considerations and political expedience above your country's good in this case?! derided him or when you flattered and fawned upon him?

How can we tell when you mean what you say?

ing force of your party platform you he has in mind. Indeed, Mr. Wilson promised the voters free tolls for has practically interpreted Washingcanal at Panama.

not mean what you said, why did you describes.

what you say?

You were once an official of a civil appointments agreed and said that merit and ability | itary and naval establishments, to be and no decision fellers. Look what

rather than "party service" should

But after you got in office you views changed. Or at least your The merit system lost caste. Its lists were reduced and the spoils lists were enlarged. Civil service laws were violated and investigators refused access to the records which would show Why have you abandoned your prin-

ciples on this question? When were you right, when were a civil service reformer or when you were a spoilsman?

Why do you not answer Hughes's civil service charges? the people not entitled to know? Does your pitiless publicity policy not apply to yourself?

How are we to tell when you mean what you say? The platform on which you were

elected said that Americans beyond our borders "must have the full tection" of the Government, that their constitutional rights should protect How did you observe this proud and

patriotic declaration? It was forgot-For the first time in history the United States deserted its people in danger beyond its borders.

Our imperilled citizens in Mexico and lawfully there, were told that their Government would not protect them, and if possible to escape to the States with their lives. Their homes, their property, their rights and A CANDIDATE'S APPEAL IS many lives which you were in duty bound to use the full power of the nation to protect were sacrificed. You did not protect them for fear you would have to fight. Is that not so?

The evidence of our humiliation and dishonor is found at the bottom of the You publicly appeal for my good will our own soil along the border, for in these places lie several hundred of I may therefore with propriety pub- our neglected and murdered citizens unavenged and forgotten by their Government. Neither disavowal nor apolmerely for publicity, but for "pitiless ogy, reparation nor punishment has publicity." Those are your words. been enforced by our Administration You may have observed that Candi- under the guidance of yourself and

These deserted countrymen of your thought you meant what you said. You have also doubtless noted They looked to you for the protection that he gives those who interrupt him which you owed them and which you had promised. Why did you abandon you not do as much for an them? Have you forgotten average citizen like me? You do not Do you ever mention them in your

How are we to know that you will keep a promise when you make it? Do you remember what your party did? It made a pledge to keep its It feared that its pror interrupt your meetings. I will sim- would not be believed. The platform

Our pledges are made to be kept in as well as relied upon during the cam

The necessity for this promise What the average voter would like keep your party promises is now self-

But did you keep this one? You certainly did not, as the record

When were you right? When were you honest with the voters? When you stood squarely on your platform and How can you be both for and against appealed for votes, or when you repudiated its important planks after elec

How are we to tell how many o your present promises are bogus? How are we to know when you mean what you say?

JOHN HANCOCK, Jr. New York, October 16.

Vote "No."

In answer to the inquiry put in the subjoined letter, THE SUN repeats the They have made the laws and you advice on this subject it has hereto have signed them. They have levied fore given:

"To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Which pays but a mere fraction of the vote on the question 'Shall there be a convention to revise the Constitution and amend the same?"

"DAVID J. BROWN. "LEIBHARDT, N. Y., October 16."

We know of no reason why a con stitution should be held at present. nook and cranny of your Administra- document for amendment have been utilized to keep it in harmony with the have fared so well. desires of the citizens; a number of from Maine to Illinois pay nearly all proposed changes passed the Legislature this year, were referred to the fraction. Their task is merely to spend Legislature to be elected in Novem ber, and if approved by it will be sub-How many soldiers did the solid mitted to the people in 1917. A convention to revise the Constitution Scarcely any. They came from generally would be expensive and unthe other States which have stood the necessary; and we think our Ulster county friend and all other electors

Shall We Swap Washington for Wilson Unsight Unseen?

In several of his recent addresses President Wilson has proclaimed em- tzens with a vigor that seemed almost that the United States should enter turned up in a beer hall, valuely seekyou squarely on a "single term" plank into alliance with other Powers for ing to placate the hyphenated citiand specifically pledged you to it. On the preservation of the peace of the world. The union he favors would their friend, the guardian of their innot be brought about, if we understand the President, until the achieve ment of peace in Europe; it would never answered this question. Why then undertake the solution of international disputes, the protection of the shape. How can we tell when you mean weak against the strong, the adjustment of national boundaries in the manner best calculated to meet the desires of the populations affected. office? You even wanted him "knocked and generally a supervision over the hands with Tom Brown walked into once? You even wanted him should be started affairs of all nations that would, it is the cell block in silence. They did

Mr. Wilson has described the federation of the world to which he is committed as a disentangling, and not an entangling, alliance. When WASH-When were you right? When you Ingron's solemn warning against linking the fortunes of this nation with those of others is brought to his attention, he asserts that Washington By your own words and by the bind- would have approved of the scheme American ships through the American Ton as an indorser of his project; But when in power you promptly and he has otherwise given evidence repudiated this selemn promise and that at the moment he is harboring a own fall." gave to foreigners unprecedented priv- very sincere and very frank passion

How can we tell when you mean obviously pledge its members to the ing fair. What is to become of us?" use of force to compel the Powers to

employed at the discretion of its ruling body, for the compulsion of recalcitrant communities. In effect Mr. Will- umns about Homes in the papers." son is ambitious to bind the United States to fight for causes in which we the man above. may have no interest, on occasions adjust the affairs of others; a frac- vertise a jail. tion noisy, it is true, but happily small in numbers.

This scheme, on its face, calls for the abandonment of an ancient and time proved doctrine of our Government; it throws the Monroe Doctrine on the scrap heap: It would produce a situation new to us and charged with the gravest possibilities. Yet Mr. Wilson has not outlined the scope of the design he has in mind, suggested them and "go with them throughout any limit to its future operation or confessed any of its practical details. We should like to have him enlighten us on it; for we do not feel that the exchange of Washington's policy of minding our own business for the Wilson programme of correcting other people's faults should be accomplished without at least a little discussion of the means by which this service to humanity is to be rendered.

Notable Triumph of Science.

This paragraph, extracted from the columns of last evening's newspaper, we think worthy of publication here because of the great scientific triumph it records:

"WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 .- The special train bearing the Italian and Argentine Ambassadors and ten carloads of Washington's citizens arrived this morning from Newport and Northern summering places.

"The train bore a number of children and was chartered to avoid passing Sam, referring to the Administration, through New York city. Fear of infan- "the President has eight fingers and tile paralysis caused the formation of the

Unquestionably, the authorities, national, State and local, who procured the hysteria that dictated the chartering of this special train are gratified may confidently expect a Tail Twistby the results of their zenious labors. This incident demonstrates the panic fear they were able to bring about by their exertions last summer.

The Van Cortlandt Golf Links.

When Park Commissioner Thomas golf course in the world" he must have advantage. known that his remark would be his club, his faithless caddy or the talkative party behind him; but more likely it was the links that caused him to lose. While he would not confess it, he is as fond of griev-

ances as the old time tramp printer. Professional matches and interesting contests have been played at Van Cortlandt. This would seem to indicate that the course is above the average. The objections have been that "fair green" is bare in some places and that the courtesies of the game are not always observed. When the number of players is considered these How do you think the electors should are faults which might be expected and which are likewise found on the service grounds of well regulated private golf penetrated his jacket, struck his wallet

It might be possible that Commis\$2 bill interposed between it a
sloner Whittle speaks so enthusiasflesh.—From The Evening Sun. vention for the revision of the Con- that his interrogator, who asked if The liberal provisions of the existing 'the improvement of golding facilities luck to the possessor. at Van Cortlandt Park," might not

"A good course, SANDY?" "Nae, mon, th' wee bit o' turf at

th' ninth lost me th' hole." As we said, it all depends,

Very Frank: Very Sincere.

Wilson composed fine phrases about renders. American and neutral rights, international law, humanity, and uttered them against the German murderers would do well to record themselves in of American citizens; and Bayan sneaked around to Dumna assuring zens at Tampico. him that they were mere words, for home consumption, not to be treated

seriously. Wilson assalled the hyphenated citzens, assuring them that Wilson is

terests, their refuge in trouble. Let us have from Shadow Lawn thing. another essay very frank, very sincere, revealing those corpuscles in shouting

The two men who were part of the him to your bosom and gave him the fondly hoped, prevent the recurrence not say anything to each other until Old Jinks has got insomnia. "I've alius they were in their cubicle and the guard had thrown a lever, locking the He tells his folks complainingly. decked cot. Not even Tom Brown and cryin: In the Prophet's goin to give every man a nook by himself. At length the upper

one murmured: I can't make it out. I thought he was our friend."

"Politics," grumbled softly the man And he aims a ghostly rife, but I know underneath. "They won't let him alone. He can't do as he likes in his

"Well, it's his own fault, this," said did you reverse yourself here? Why and regulatory congress he vaguely with him. He put Leasy out. The but allus that are dies on it and sometimes blood I see. To be effective such a concert must been licked. The warden's not play-"He don't think of that," explained By makin Woodrow's phantom form look obey its mandates. It therefore imposes on the nations which join it the obligation of maintaining effective milservice reform association and an ar-Your party platform obligation of maintaining effective mil- fight. He is one of these six round

Warden Homes did up at Great THE OLD TRAPPER IS CATCH-Meadow! But you never read col "Homes had a better plant," said

"It ain't the plant. It is the man when our rights and libertles are not retorted the lower berth flercely. menaced, and for purposes of no con- "Osborne has let some of our crowd cern to our people, except that fraction go too far. It's hurt the good in his of them which conceives itself to be work. His methods are bad. His divinely commissioned to direct and advertising was bad. You can't ad-

> "What we want is decent treatment, decent grub, plenty of work and a chance to come to our senses. We don't want baseball games with outsiders, we don't want a fancy store. nor a court of justice, nor elections, nor prison politics, nor a bank, nor token money, nor moving pictures, nor favors for the clever ones. I tell you, it's a good thing he's going! I hope the next man will cut out the Mutual Welfare League, cut out the 'poor victim of society' stuff, cut out the pitying visitors, cut out all these things that make a feller feel he's used unjustly. If I was society and I caught a man robbing a house like I done I'd give him five years-and so would you."

"Of course," said the upper man 'It's been all messed up here—no doubt about that. CHARLET WHIT-MAN sent me here, but say, I'd rather have him boss this jall than any one else I know! He may be hard, but he keeps his sense of what is fittingand he's square too. Why, when I was on trial-"

The footsteps of the guard, approaching, silenced him. When the guard had gone by he whispered cautiously: "JIM. JIM!" But the man below had his head buried in his arm and did not answer.

"You see it's this way," says Uncle only two fists.

can't keep NORMAN HAPGOOD quiet ever on Sundays. Before November 7 the British lion

The Democratic campaign managers

ing Day at Shadow Lawn. Can it be that Tammany cooks are spoiling the Wilson broth:

King CONSTANTINE of Greece has re fused to permit the Greek Chamber of Deputies to convene. He lacks a courageous dictator. A subservient W. WHITTLE said that the Van Cort- Congress may be used, if an autocrat landt Park course "is the best public is daring and adroit, greatly to his

Why should high wages delude challenged. To a dyed in the wool workingman into the belief that he golfer it all depends. Perhaps it was prospering when their purchasing power is steadily decreasing?

President Wilson must long times for some bulwark to save him his friends. President UNDERwoon of the Erie Railroad, defending Wilson for his abject submission to Garnerson and others, says: "The misrepresentations of the brotherwhich he mistook for truth moved him to action." Would Mr Underwood consider himself justified in taking radical steps affecting the the links are too crowded, that the welfare of the Eric Railroad upon misrepresentations that he had failed to own time, manner and occasion, to assert investigate?

WALTER PIERCE of Portland Me. driver of an American ambulance France, returned on the Lafayette recover from slight wounds received Purner told of a bullet an inside pocket and stopped when the thickness of a folded Ameri

tically from his own experience and Mr. Pierck, it is safe to assume, will there was any plan contemplated for curious belief that \$2 bills bring bad those whose superstitions include the

An electric oven which plays a dance to the music won't it make the bread heavy?

While Mr. Wilson is talking about negroes. the Old Guard it is timely to recall that nearly all the eastern counties by apthe Old Guard dies but never-sur-

What a comfort to know that Jo- in office over them. The Democrats also SEPHUS can rescue the victims of Ger- denounce reconstruction days. man submarines! Not so long ago he could not even rescue American citi-

Is a vote for Wilson a vote for HAPGOOD?

Stable and Unstable Equilibrium.

phatically his adherence to the belief sincere; and Gum Shoe Bill. Stone To the Editor of The Sun-Str. 1 would suggest that the resident of South Norwalk be advised to take up the matter of "unstable equilibrium" with the local weights and measures official, who except in western North Carolina. The no doubt will be able to give him a practical illustration that there is such a their lives depended upon this election. JOHN F. FARRELL.

Supt. of Weights and Measures. ALBANY, October 16.

Helpful Hint to Persian Cat Owners. To the Editor of The Stx-Sir: To pre-serve his fur from moths, as well as pro-vide for his proper self-amusement, I give long line that had formed to shake with. NEW YORK, October 16.

tier. Then they lay on their double My mind keeps goin' round and round, with Woodrow dancin' Jigo.

My visions is most virulent, with Woodrow hauntin' me "What's he quitting for anyway? Attired in a sallor's rig and pointin' ou khakt sult,

> "I have a nightmare every night and allue He haunts my fevered pillow till I feel

W. M. Roberts, jury clerk at the Wyan-dotte court house, after sixty-three years of life spent without the knowledge of the comfort of an after dinner smoke, began "I try to put my mind at ease and ge-

using tobacco yesterday.
"So many political cigare," he explained to his four sone and three brothers, "were thrust at me each day I could no longer Mr. Roberts long has denounced toreelly dream he'd fight."

four negroes.

udice against negroes,

does not suit their business.

ING IT.

Inquirers of Jesse Bentley Must Send Stamp Hereafter.

up and dig a feller out

ARLINGTON, Vt., October 14.

Two Examples That Our Naval OM-

cers Should Not Follow.

view to capture, to cross the border be

This order of Dix gave great satisfac-

officials hailed it as possibly involving

tion at Richmond, where Confederate

prisoners to the local authorities.

us in war with England. But in

instructions he had given.

country.

patriotic fervor alone.

NEW YORK, October 16.

the State, where there are few or no

peals to race prejudice. They tell the

gnorant whites that if they voted the

This year these arguments seem to

have failed completely. The Democratic

fail to arouse enthusiasm. The Demo-

about Wilson, thanking God for him

and asserting that he kept us out of

of cotton and tobacco! The Republicans

are presenting with what force they can

With a fair, open presentation of na-

from the minds of the ignorant of prej-

would go Republican. With a little more

owering of our percentage of illiteracy

T. T. Hicks.

it certainly will do so. The people know

A Victim of Politics.

From the Kansas City Times.

HENDERSON, N. C., October 14.

The Democrats have carried

JESSE BENTLEY.

the reports of cancer following exsure to X-rays. These accidents THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: have occurred, but they are not as should like to ask if your journal cov-ers the whole earth. I have been comthe present devices for protecting the pletely snowed under with letters and operator and patient were not in use postcards from your readers in the past Still there are dangers which it is only few days from all parts of the world; fair to say might be looked for in the and they still come by the wholesale application of an agent possessing asking all sorts of questions. About five such vital characteristics as the X-ray n every hundred enclose postage. If It both gives and destroys life. One of these gentlemen will be so kind as to its most striking effects is the action enclose return postage I shall try to it exerts on young cells and seeds, the do my best and send prompt replies. growth of which is arrested and greatly Many ask about living close to nastunted, with ultimate destruction ture and all that sort of thing. One Similarly, on the corpuscies it exerts can live in the woods six months at a strong but curiously opposite effects. time if he is onto his job. There are The white corpuscles are affected by roots, nuts, barks, game, herbs for tea, the X-rays, but the red resist this

roots of various kinds for good stews and soups, roots that can be dug and power with success. These actions on growing cells an eaten in a raw state, roots to be boiled on the white corpuscles are among the or baked, as potatoes are, that make explanations of the effects on cancer, which is in a sense a collection of cells; All this is new to you city people I in fact, an abnormal development of a suppose, but very simple for me, as I peculiar kind of cell. The effects are no means confined to the covering am a man of the woods, but cannot be left alone, for you city editors will hunt of the body, the skin; some internal organs, notably the lungs and spleet and even the mouth, are susceptible The nervous system, composed o cate tissue, is not much affected. The eye is an exception and should be pro-GERMAN U-BOAT RAIDERS. tected from the radiance of a tube, but

the X-rays, strictly speaking, are in

There is nothing that can be de

visible, possessing the property passing through solid bodies. Regarding the question of protec-TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: II tion against the rays, the operator was a fortunate thing that the naval should always wear a pair of rubber officers present at the German submagloves, impregnated with lead, as the hands and wrists are particularly likely were not of the type of General John A. Dix, commander of the army disand dermatitis without such protection trict along the Atlantic coast in 1864 are definite. Most of at the time of the famous Confederate cases of disease caused by exposure to raid on the town of St. Albans, Vt. intense rays have been due to certain which resulted in the robbing of the risks that physicians and those enbanks of the town of a quarter of a gaged in selling X-ray tubes have rue million dollars, in the firing upon unarmed citizens, of whom one was killed. habit of using the hand as a test of and the burning of several houses. Unthe power of the rays to penetrate the ke our naval officers off Nantucket, tissues and throw a picture on a suit-General Dix took it upon himself, withplate. Another custom is out consulting the Government, to issue wholly inexcusable one of allowing the an order directing all military commandrays to shine through the chest to ers on the frontler, in case of further demonstrate the position of the lungs and heart. The body should always acts of depredation and murder, to shoot down the murderers or the persons actprotected by lead sheathing when ing under commissions from the rebel the rays are used. authorities at Richmond, and further

Accidents, when precautions nstructing them, if necessary, with a taken, are happily rare, and those who know the rays of old will probably tween the United States and Canada in agree that they will be even rarer in pursuit, and on no account to surrender the future.

THE WAR OF THE POTATOES. Polite and Effective Reply From the Yam Family.

of General Dix's good intentions President Lincoln required him to revoke the TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: seldom that I get into Northern soci-Another important incident about the ety. Your climate is uncongenial to me, same time as the St. Albans raid in- so much so that I cannot make my home volved a naval officer. He was Captain in the North, and I simply go all to Napoleon Collins, commanding the corpieces under the hardships of travel, so vette Wachusett, who seized the Con- that I am unable even to visit you all. federate cruiser Florida in the harbor Being so little known, I realize that it of Bahia, Brazil, escaped the fire of a is through ignorance that Mr. H. J. Smith warship and sailed with his maligns my entire family, and I can prize to Hampton Roads. The Govern- find it in my heart to forgive him. ment of Brazil protested against Col- in the interests of fairness we should be lins's seizure and demanded reparation. set right before the public. Collins was dismissed and the flag of

Collins was dismissed and the flag of I am, sir, the proud member of one of Brazil received the customary honors, our most cultivated Southern families, Secretary Seward, after rebuking the the Dioscores, but known among my Brazilian Government for harboring the familiars as the "pumpkin yam." Florida, announced that it was not for doubtless have met my charming young aptains of ships of war or commanders lady relative, the morning glory. their armies, or consuls residing in would thank you to judge me by her foreign ports, acting without the authority of Congress, and without even Executive direction, and choosing their potato, particularly the New Jersey dry and ill bred kin, the commo branch of the line. Migrating north the rights and redress the wrongs of the ward. I am ashamed to say, has robbed all the kindly juices, the sweetness, the escape entanglement in the present Eumellowness of disposition, the amenato ropean tumult through the unauthorized bility and adaptability of character proceeding of those carried away by which show to advantage under any sort of intelligent treatment, and even of the rich, swarthy complexion which is the birthright of our house.

NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS. As to the name "potato," although we of the South seldom hear ourselves The Voters Seem Indifferent to the called by the title, undoubtedly we are entitled to the appellation. Mr. Smith may ascertain, if he is interested, that TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: There the word comes from the Haytian "baare 388,000 whites of voting age in tata," which the natives of that mis-North Carolina. About 130,000 of them guided but fertile land applied to our have never voted. Democracy's high An electric oven which plays a phonograph while baking is exhibited water mark is 150,000. About 115,000 man begin to apply the word to the at the electrical show. But if you Republicans were counted as voting in Solanaces—an honest tribe, no doubt, ancestors. Only long afterward did 1908. Most of the Republican voters are in the middle and western parts of

but plebeian. Yours, baked, broiled, boiled, candied YALLER YAM. or in pie. OPELOUSAS, La., October 14.

FOUND! Republican ticket negroes would be put The Beach Plum Follows the Fashlon and Goes Inland in the Fall.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Beach plums can be bought all the fall at Lakewood and other sandy places in berth ships in parcels loaded at their newspapers and Democratic speakers New Jersey. Write to any grocer at regular berths by floating elevators. crats now spend their time bragging Lakewood. T. G. B.

NEW YORK, October 16. They also say he put up the price The United States, Great Britain and available on the regular liners which Japan.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 1

the same arguments that Republicans assume from the tone of the communipresent elsewhere, but with hardly as much activity on the stump as usual, cation which you printed on October 13 from Mr. E. J. Butler that he must have cargo business, which is of large volume, which are available for New Democratic orators are hustling as if which appeared in THE SUN last spring. wherein I asserted that the United The people, however, are not aroused. A big Republican meeting was held on States has been and is protected by the a county line in eastern North Carolina British navy. I did not see his letter. n October 12. The Republican candi-It seems that Mr. Butler is anxious to know whether the British navy would dates for Governor and for Congress and the Hughes electors, with the aid protect the United States in case of war of a barbecue, drew a crowd estimated with Japan. Plainly, this question imby the local Democratic newspaper at plies that in Mr. Butler's judgment, between 2,500 and 3,000. Many of the under the conditions referred to, the most intelligent and well to do Democrats United States would need protection. Of of both counties sat or stood through course we ount to be able to protect ourselves. It is humiliating to feel that the entire proceedings and seemed to enjoy them. Not a word of disorder a Democratic President and a Demowas uttered. The speeches were digni- cratic Congress have succeeded in keepfied and in no sense offensive to good ing our navy down to a point of weaktaste. One feature entirely new for ness and inefficiency where it could this section was the presence of a hun- hardly hope to cope successfully with

ired or more ladies. There were only the navy of Japan. It is my opinion that the British Government, if the occasion should ever tional and State issues and the absence arise, would advise Japan that an attack on the United States would be re-North Carolina garded as a decidedly unfriendly act. In point of fact it is the British navy that has protected Great Britain, and the world for that matter, since the Cennow that a Democratic Administration tral Powers started this barbarous war of conquest.

> Whatever the past may have been England now by reason of mutual interests, language and customs is the natural ally of the United States. NEW YORK, October 16. M. T. R.

Venus Valga Again.

all the bow legged women in New York wear short skirts"? The general public does know, however, that nearly all the women in New York who wear bacco users and warned his sons against short skirts are bow legged. C. I. B. NEW YORK, October 16.

CANCER AND THE X-RAYS. NEW YORK'S FUTURE AND THE BARGE CANAL.

Observations on the Requirements of This Great Terminal for Handling the Grain Tonnage.

The State and the city of New York oats and barley for export, and also care for a large amount of grain for are on the eve of one of the greatest mestic distribution. commercial events in their history.

The general plan of construction -What the original Eric Canal did for the State and the city of old New York house built on a pier, with water both sides, of a million and the barge canal will do for modern New bushels storage capacity where fall York, yet the city of New York is as goes can be loaded out and learnes totally unprepared to handle the bulk of unloaded and reloaded. the eastbound tonnage which will flow

opened as the country was to repel a million bushels should be in tanks, to foreign invasion before any move was which the grain would be transferre from the working house. The entire plant, both as a matter of

This country will be a large exporter of grain for many years to come, except built at the start. The idea that our population is in-

creasing so fast that we shall consume needed, and from it the main carning The educational campaign to develop good farming has already added millions of bushels of grain to our crops. It is only in its infancy, and fully

developed will revolutionize our produc-22 cents a bushel for the tank storage n sections of 12,000 bushels. The export of agricultural products less, but would not be as convenient is the life of the country and of the

port through which they are shipped, Export grain will seek the cheapest up on this basis.

The handling charges would pay to Far and away the cheapest route will running expenses, taxes and upkeep be over the Great Lakes and through the The storage carned would be net in Erie and Oswego canals to New York. No one but a professional grain man

can appreciate the vast volume of grain but assume that they would not.

The 10,000,000 storage capacity would that will move to New York through at times be entirely filled and a only partially. During open navigation no other

American route can begin to compete would be a fair estimate. with it, and we can also successfully The storage charges vary in the di ferent terminal markets compete with the Canadian waterways If the present New York rate were r. for the export grain of the great Cana-

in two, making it one-eighth of a cent diverted from New York to Baltimore, yield an annual income of \$25 which would be just about 7th per or Philadelphia and Newport News by an on the cost of constitution unjust discrimination in freight in favor

of those ports. The opening of the canal will change mate of earning power. all that, for no railroad can make an eastbound rate that can compete with the canal.

The main movement of grain will not be by rail to favored Atlantic ports as present rates for handling and store it is now, but to the Lake ports and but there would be the over the Lakes and through the barge State might later decide to canal to New York, making New York operate a competitive elevate supreme in the export trade of the Atlantic seaboard.

Now grain in New York territory is

there from the barge canal when it is

in occasional years of crop failure.

all our own crops is a fallacy.

route to the seaboard.

the barge canal.

dian Northwest.

made for defence.

The cheap canal rate will also increase the distributive area of New York for domestic grain which is now moved all basis. rail; notably so to the seaport cities of New England and to the South.

anyway. The serious problem is how to handle elevator in the port. it after it gets there.

There are no private elevators suitable for the purpose. The railroad elevators will not handle canal grain to any extent, and if they would they have not sufficient surplus

There is but one public grain store, Its capacity is only 1,800,000 bushels, which a few days canal receipts would exhaust, and its facilities are entirely inadequate for handling any large volume of grain.

among canal officials that the Erie Basin terminal as it now is provides for the grain tonnage of the canal; that the barges will land there and await transfer to oceangoing ships, which is all that is needed

Nothing could be further wrong. The few barges whose time of arrival lutely so practically f oincided with the berth ships for of the operation would stiff which they were destined would be gerated and far fet he

There is sufficient floating elevator capacity to make the transfer. The bulk of the arrivals would not fit Federal, State or municipal the ships for which they were intended.

Warehouses cannot be made of the When their lay days expire they will demand discharge, and can enforce it under their bills of lading.

Previous to the European war there

were practically no full cargoes loaded in New York. The outbound tonnage was carried by The only thing that keeps the New York grain business going in normal times is the large amount of berth room

take the freight in parcels on berth at rates below full cargo rates. Under present conditions New York cannot compete with Baitimore, Philadelphia and Newport News for full owing to the cheaper inland freights to ness, for any of the

those ports. Without such facilities the advantage grain from stole in of the cheap canal freight will be lost, ship in New York in for for the difference between the rail rate and the canal rate will be more than absorbed by extra Fandling expenses.
Grain could be taken at Buffalo and able for analysis. put aboard ship in New York cheaper by can't amount in Dow's St. rail with the use of the rail terminals than it could by the canal without a ter- land for the sate minal, except on the rare accusions when the ship and the grain were ready at the elevator,

same time. The chances are so great that the receiver would either have to pay demur- in any was be just their rage on the ship or incur heavy handling charges on the grain that he would forego the cheap canal freight and would paired on 75 per cent of ship from Buffalo by rail. Full cargoes can only be economically

can be accumulated and loaded. The State has built a great waterway, capable of making the cheapest inland pay the interest freights on the continent. it has provided terminals for miscel- 3 or 4 per cent

laneous freight which will comprise about 25 per cent, of the eastbound ton- by popular vote, do tre ! It has not provided or as yet made any move to provide suitable terminal

comprise about 75 per cent of the easts | No private comprise bound tonnage.

What New York requires, and is trol so important a part absolutely essential for handling the as the terminal facilities To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: And grain tonnage of the canal, is a ten its grain traffic ow does "W. H." know that "nearly million bushel modern elevator fully

equipped. New York will become the supreme a necessary part of the whgrain port of the Atlantic seaboard. She will be called on to handle ple, with favor to name, brough the canal American wheat, corn, through the canal American wheat, corn. eats and barley and Canadian wheat,

such an elevator should be a working Rail connection for the distribution

mestic grain should, also be made The main storage of eight and a had

expedience and of economy, should be The tank storage could be installed . sections, but it would not be advisable The whole amount of storage will

power of the house will come. A large house would be operated a profit; a small house would not The cost of such an elevator would : approximately 65 cents a bushel for orking house above the foundation, as

Larger tanks would cost somewhat A conservative estimate of the earn ing power of the plant would be Try per cent, on the cost of construction ma-

In point of fact, the handling charges rould far exceed the running expense

An average of \$,000,000 bushels filled

bushel every ten days or bart there-6,000,000 bushels storage filled wear There figures are very conservat.

and leave room for a much larger It is improbable that private on would acquire the site and build . It would pay well on the busin

> these days of State and municipal lation of public utilities the Logis's by an act might reduce the charges on canal grain below a po-

Even if private enterprise would the risk it would be fatal to It will not be a question of how to good to let any corporation acdraw grain to New York; it will come power it would have if it built ated the only important canal

Such power should be vested outs

the State. If private capital entered the fecorporation would be formed of a few of the richest and m grain men in the country, who

come out of the West. The control of the terminal would give control of the gran of the canal. The elevator would nominally

ated for the public Practically it would be operated officers in control of the No outsider would h chance, and the State would after building the canal for it had given control of 75 pe the eastbound torning to a

listle corporation While this view may appr within the bounds of pro-

Consensus of public oper and operation of public units is an exceptional case.
The State owns and operate and would have to be unloaded in store. for the people of the State The terminals are past as the canal and should operated by the State from

> real elevators, with which we sto in sharp competition are own operated by the Dominion Gover-You will say, and one sertion by statistica that Nea 3 does a large grain business dies it easily and all all not continue doing so after the

of the canal. The grain tonnage of New carried by the railroads It will later be wart of

carrying roads will god and quicker than that As against 25,000,000

able for canal grower ex-The cost of consumer able terminal for life --

tounage. This elevator will be handled through an elevator, where they state, for it will be sustaining would be issued for

handling grain P a "

The people of the State waterway should be but and for the people. They are entitled to facilities for handling grain, which will sources.

> or indirectly, should be a The State, and the State build a great canal term tem, and should operate in